Principal’s Report

Congratulations, to Tegan Menzel who successfully competed in the Greater Western Region, Regional Cross Country last Friday. Tegan came in tenth and will now go onto compete in the State Schools Victoria State Cross Country to be held at Bundoora Park on 15th July.

I would like to acknowledge two of our former students and congratulate them on an outstanding achievement within their chosen sport of Archery. Sean and Dylan Evans who are now both at Baimbridge College, travelled to Hervey Bay in QLD to compete in the National Archery Titles where Dylan became a National Champion in his age division (13 - 17 boys) by placing 1st in the Junior Barebow. Sean placed 2nd in his age division (ages up to 12) in the Cubs Barebow. Congratulations Sean and Dylan on outstanding your success!

Congratulation, to all the Year 5/6 Campers, who from all accounts had a marvellous time in Melbourne last week. It was an extremely busy Camp with each day full of educational experiences, one of the most popular being the Eureka Sky Deck. Thank you to the staff; Anthony Hill, Lisa Ferrier, Adam Taylor, Janelle Harms and Maree Falkenberg with our wonderful parents; Jarrod Hunter, Luise Pearse and Kerry Price who attended and made it such a memorable experience for all.

Yesterday, all teachers had a very productive day working on their student mid-year reports which will be distributed on Wednesday 16th July followed up with parent/teacher interviews on Monday 21st July.

Next Monday we are having special visitor coming to school, London Paralympian Melissa Tapper, originally from Hamilton, who earlier this year achieved her personal goal of scoring a nomination for Australia's able-bodied 2014 Commonwealth Games table tennis team. Growing up in Hamilton, Melissa began her table tennis career in the able-bodied arena, competing against able-bodied athletes for years despite having brachial plexus nerve damage in her right arm. With few female players in her area, Melissa often played against able-bodied men and soon began to beat them, carving out the foundations for a successful career in able-bodied table tennis.

At 18, she was the number one junior female table tennis player in Australia; she was U18 Oceania champion and U21 Australian champion and was moving her way up the world rankings. But Melissa’s world changed when it was suggested she try Paralympic table tennis. While reluctant at first, having never viewed herself as having a disability, Melissa soon embraced the idea and began training for national selection on the Australian Para-Table Tennis Squad, where she shone.

Underneath her humble, calm exterior Melissa is ruthless on the table tennis table and in 2011 alone, has won a string of singles gold medals at the Hungarian, Italian and British Opens and the Arafura Games. Having started 2011 ranked 19 in the world, her rise to number one was unprecedented. At her first Paralympic Games in London, Melissa was the best performing Australian in table tennis since 1984, finishing fourth after she lost the bronze medal match to China’s Lei Fan. Following the Games, Melissa threw herself into intensive training overseas and most recently won gold at the Bayreuth German Open Nationals where she defeated some of the best in the world to claim victory. Melissa has said she’d wanted to make the able bodied team to inspire a change of the guard in sport.

During next week students will experience some slight changes to their normal program. There will be no specialist programs running instead the specialist teachers will be taking classes with the assistance of some of our regular casual relief teachers to allow for our class teachers to have some valuable time together in teams to plan their curriculum programs for Term Three.

Enjoy the week ahead,

Helen
Special Religious Instruction – New Ministerial Direction

Please complete and return the Special religious Instruction – Parent Consent Form (CFMD141) handed out with today’s newsletter by Friday 27th June.

Thank you

Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp

Last week’s four day trip to Melbourne was a busy, tiring but worthwhile excursion. The children were commended at each venue they visited, with the staff at the Shrine of Remembrance, Parliament House and the Old Melbourne Gaol being particularly impressed with their knowledge of key historical facts. Each day was spent tramping the streets of the city and in spite of the kilometres covered, all campers maintained good spirits and a positive attitude. Highlights of the trip, according to the children, were many and varied. Some enjoyed the trip up the Eureka Tower, others thrilled in seeing the Ned Kelly story come to life at the Goal and the State Library. Many children were intrigued to be allowed to wander through the graffiti covered Hosier Lane and investigating the many laneways and arcades in the CBD. All groups met up with different politicians at Parliament House and all our aching feet enjoyed the hour’s trip on the City Circle tram. The final events included a busy time investigating all nooks and crannies at the MCG and the National Sports Museum and an active investigation of Scienceworks. A very special thanks to the staff who attended and allowed the camp to run smoothly, especially our wonderful parent volunteers in Luise Pearse, Kerry Price and Jarrod Hunter. I’m sure all campers slept very well over the weekend!

Anthony Hill

Aussie Footy

Last night’s game was against a powerful Grampians side at Gray St. Many thanks to Angus Harms and Aaron Price for making themselves available in the absence of many regular players. Our coach, Mr Jewell, is encouraging all players to experience different positions on the ground and his positive encouragement is helping everyone to improve their skills and enjoyment of the game. Alistair palmer is really developing great ruck skills and Jacob Cook has improved his marking technique. Oliver Annett continues to take “species” and read the play well from the backline, while Harry Clark continues to be a solid performer. Mitch Downes is improving his reading of the play and Josh Elvery is a brave and determined player. Angus Thomson and Liam Gellert are listening to their coach and developing much quicker ball-handling skills. Well done to all players in a great game.

Anthony Hill

Canteen Roster

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